

REMARKS

The Examiner is thanked for the thorough examination of the present application. Claims 1-10 are currently pending in the present application.

It is respectfully requested that the present Reply be entered into the Official Record in view of the fact that the Reply automatically places the application in condition for allowance. The arguments herein address the rejections cited in the outstanding Office Action, thereby rendering the rejections moot.

If the Examiner finds that the present response does not place the application in condition for allowance, it is respectfully requested that the present Reply be entered for purposes of an Appeal. The Reply reduces the issues on appeal by overcoming the outstanding rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first and second paragraphs. Thus, the issues on appeal would be reduced.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112

Claims 5 and 7 have been rejected under 35 §U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim Applicants' invention.

Claims 5 and 7 have been additionally rejected under 35 §U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, because the specification allegedly does not provide enablement for using formula I separately from or in succession to using formula II.

While not acquiescing to the Examiner's rejection, in order to expedite the prosecution of the present application, Applicants have amended claim 5 to delete the phrase "that is jointly or separately, or in succession." Accordingly, the outstanding rejections have been rendered moot.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner indicated claims 1-4, 6, 8-10 as allowable. In light of the foregoing remarks, all issues raised by the Examiner have been fully addressed. Thus, Applicants believe that all of the pending claims are in condition for allowance and notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Monique T. Cole, Reg. No. 60,154, at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37.C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.14; particularly, extension of time fees.

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Respectfully submitted,

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